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A most important measure recently taken to accomplish this interfacing of the U.S. storehouse of scientific knowledge and intelligence was the activation of the Agency Scientific Advisory Board. The impressive array of senior U.S. scientists who have accepted assignments on this Board are meeting at regular intervals to review our present status and needs and to offer guidance and direction. In addition to the benefits derived from Board appraisals of our approaches and activities, there is a "fall-out" of suggestions and offerings by each member based on his comprehensive knowledge of the state of the art across a broad frontier of scientific discoveries and developments. These ideas are fed into the administrative pipeline for further development either by referral to the Agency R & D Review Bd. or to the ORD.

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A further report to PFIAB and SA~~7~~/NSC on the 8 March 1963 recommendations:

1. Activation of Agency's Scientific Advisory Board to accomplish interfacing of US storehouse of scientific knowledge and intelligence. Impressive array of US scientists have accepted appointments to the Board.

2. Further reorganization of the DD/S&T (addition of OSI, OCS, & FMSAC) and beginning of Agency Research and Development Review Board.

3. Technical requirements function being performed as an integrated function of the DD/S&T organization.

4. Systems engineering being scrutinized by a small, highly qualified Systems Analysis Staff and costing/budgeting by a Plans and Programs Staff, reporting directly to the DD/S&T.

5. Development and utilization of collection devices and systems being staffed by the Office of Research and Development. Field engineering and services considered best not separated completely from the development phase. Also ORD now structured to take care of research in behavioral sciences.

6. FMSAC set up: A single clearing house within the intel community for all sources of information on foreign missile firings and space ventures. Established 7 Nov 63.

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Agency Research and Development Review Board has not yet assumed its ultimate role and position as the coordinator of all Agency research and development. This task will obviously require many more months of concerted effort and is paced by, and directly coupled to, the build-up in staff experience and competency of the ORD of the DDS&T. For example it would be unwise for the Board to direct a transfer of research functions from NPIC of the O/C to the ORD until the capability exists within ORD to handle these functions as well as they are being handled now. Also, we are not yet certain of the function of the total r & d effort that shld remain with each of the component divisions--some small portion of this shld remain attached to the opnl and/or user components.

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Agency scientific and technical research board is being established under the chairmanship of the DDCI, with those components having such research responsibilities represented. Exec Secty w/scientific background will be appointed. O/P is to be the secty of the S&T Personnel Advisory Board, and might act in both capacities.)